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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

VOL. VII. JANUARY—JUNE, 1860. No. 63.

Stated Meeting, January 6, 1860.

Present, fifteen members.

Dr. WOOD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were received from the Elliott Society of Natural History, Charleston, S. C., dated December 15, 1859, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings; from the Corporation of Harvard College, dated Cambridge, December 17, 1859, and from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, dated Madison, December 20, 1859, acknowledging the receipt of the last No. of the Transactions.

Letters were also received from the Dublin University Zoological and Botanical Association, dated Trinity College, Dublin, and from the R. Saxon Society of Sciences, dated Leipsig, August 23 and September 3, 1859, and from the R. Geographical Society, dated London, September 9, 1859, acknowledging donations for the Library.

The following donations for the Library were received:—

Trans. Zool. Soc. London, iv, parts 5, 6. 4to.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings, Nos. 339*, 347*, 384*, 392*.—*From the same.*

Mem. R. Astron. Soc., xxvii. 4to.—*From the Society.*

Monthly Notices, xviii complete, and xx, No. 1.—*From the same.*

Journ. R. Geog. Soc., xxviii. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Proc. Royal Society, x, Nos. 35, 36.—*From the Society.*

Report (xxviii) British Association. Leeds, 1858.—*From the Ass.*

- Ann. Rep. (xxvi) R. Corn. Poly. Soc. Falmouth, 1858.—*From the Society.*
- Proc. Liverpool L. and Ph. Soc., No. 13.—*From the Society.*
- Journ. London Society of Arts, &c., vii, No. 354–58.—*From the Society.*
- Dublin University Zool. and Bot. Ass., i, parts 1, 2. 8vo.—*From the Association.*
- Natural History Review or London Quarterly, Vol. i, Vol. ii, 1854, 1855, No. 12, 1856, and, under its new title of N. H. R. and Quarterly Journal of Science, Vol. vi, Nos. 1, 2, 3.—*From Ir. N. H. S.*
- Wallace on Geog. Distribution of Birds. (6 pp.) 1859.—*From the Author.*
- Jahrb. K. K. Geol. Reichsanstalt, No. 1, 1859.—*From the Institute.*
- Berichte, R. Saxon Soc. Leipsig Ph. C., ii. M. P. C., ii, iii.—*From the Society.*
- Hankel's Elec. Unters., 4th part. (80 pp. 8vo.)—*From the Author.*
- Hofmeister on Phanerogamen, 1st part. (132 pp.)—*From the Author.*
- Fechner on Schätzung der Sterngrößen. (70 pp.)—*From the Author.*
- Brockhaus on Nala und Damayanti. (30 pp.)—*From the Author.*
- Verh. des Ver. Gartenbaues, 1, 2, 3 heften, 1858.—*From the Union.*
- Am. Journ. Science. New Haven, Jan., 1860.—*From the Editors.*
- Am. Geog. and Stat. Soc. Journal, i, No. 10. New York.—*From the Society.*
- Proc. Boston S. N. H., vii, 9, 10, to p. 160.—*From the Society.*
- Ann. Rep. Regents N. Y. Univ. March, 1859. (110 pp.)—*From the Regents.*
- Proc. Acad. N. S. Philada., Nos. 20, 21, 1859.—*From the Academy.*
- Official Army Register for 1860.—*From E. D. Townsend.*
- Introductory Lectures and Addresses on Medical Subjects, &c., by G. B. Wood, M.D. Philada., 1859. (460 pp. 8vo.)—*From the Author.*
- Map of Eastern Kentucky, showing the western outcrop of the Coal Field, by Joseph Lesley.—*From the Author.*

Mr. Durand, pursuant to appointment, read an obituary notice of Thomas Nuttall.*

The committee to which was referred the paper of Mr. Chase, on English and Sanscrit Analogues, reported in favor

* See page 297.

of its publication in the Proceedings, which was ordered to be done, and the committee was discharged.*

On motion of Professor Lesley, it was ordered that a list of the Corresponding societies with which the Society exchanges publications be published with the Proceedings.

The judges and clerks of the annual election, held this day for officers of the Society, reported that the following named members were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year :—

President.

George B. Wood.

Vice-Presidents.

John C. Cresson,
Isaac Lea,
George Sharswood.

Secretaries.

Charles B. Trego,
E. Otis Kendall,
John L. Le Conte,
J. P. Lesley.

Members of the Council, for Three Years.

George M. Justice,
George Tucker,
Robert Patterson,
Henry Vethake.

Curators.

Franklin Peale,
Elias Durand,
Joseph Carson.

Treasurer.

Charles B. Trego.

Mr. J. P. Lesley was nominated for Librarian.

* See page 177.

Pending nominations, Nos. 394, 395, 396, were read, and the Society adjourned.

Stated Meeting, January 20, 1860.

Present, twenty-four members.

Dr. GEORGE B. WOOD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were received from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, January 16, 1860, acknowledging the reception of No. 62 of the Proceedings.

The following donations for the Library were announced :—

Journ. Franklin Inst. for Jan., 1860, No. 409.—*From the Institute.*

African Repository, for Jan., 1860.—*From the Am. Col. Soc.*

Numerical Relations of Elements, by M. Carey Lea. Part 1. (16 pp. 4to.) Philadelphia, 1860.—*From the Author.*

A paper, entitled “*Experientiæ præcedentes*, by William Sharswood,” was presented for publication in the Transactions, and referred to Dr. Bache, Prof. Booth, and Dr. Uhler.

J. P. Lesley was elected Librarian for the ensuing year.

The Standing Committees were appointed, as follows :—

On Finance.—Mr. Fraley, Mr. Justice, Mr. J. F. James.

On Publication.—Dr. Bridges, Mr. T. P. James, Dr. Hartshorne, Prof. Coppeé, Dr. Wister.

On the Hall.—Mr. Peale, Judge King, Prof. Coppeé.

On the Library.—Mr. Ord, Dr. Bell, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Coates, Mr. Foulke.

The list of surviving members was read and corrected. The number on the list on the 1st of January, 1860, was 374
Of whom are resident in the United States, . . . 282
And in foreign countries, 92

On motion of Judge King, the Secretaries were directed to report to the Society the names of such members as appear to have lost the right of membership.